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CHI-ANA AUCTION SALE

Standing Liberty Half Dollars

This year's National A.N.A. Convention in Chicago, Ill., August 22-25, promises to be not only the largest but one of the finest ever held.

The Host Club has been working on plans and arrangements to show everyone attending a good time.

It is once again our privilege to conduct the official Auction Sale for this outstanding numismatic event. This is the third such sale we have conducted since 1950.

We have been fortunate to have consigned for this Sale many of the great rarities in the United States and Foreign series, along with ample material suitable for the collector who cannot afford the extremely high-priced coins. In other words there will be something for everyone.

Catalogues have been mailed to our regular Auction Mailing List. This list includes successful bidders from our sales of 1954-55-56. It does not include many of those who receive COINS & CHATTER. The catalogues were mailed prior to July 25th and should be received not later than the first week in August. If you are interested in bidding at this Sale, a catalogue can be had on request.

We are looking forward to seeing many of our old friends and customers as well as meeting those whom we have known previously only by mail. Plan to attend and say "HELLO"

1916	Br. Unc.....	\$20.00
1916	D Mint, Br. Unc...	18.00
1916	S Mint, Br. Unc...	75.00
1917	Br. Unc.....	10.00
1917	D on Obv. Br. Unc...	40.00
1917	D on Rev. Br. Unc...	90.00
1917	S on Rev. Br. Unc...	50.00
1918	Br. Unc.....	65.00
1918	S Mint, Br. Unc...	75.00
1919	Br. Unc.....	80.00
1920	Br. Unc.....	35.00
1927	S Mint, Br. Unc...	60.00
1929	D Mint, Br. Unc...	25.00
1929	S Mint, Br. Unc...	27.50
1933	S Mint, Br. Unc...	40.00
1934	Br. Unc.....	3.50
1934	D Mint, Br. Unc...	5.50
1934	S Mint, Br. Unc...	37.50
1935	Br. Unc.....	3.00
1935	D Mint, Br. Unc...	12.50
1935	S Mint, Br. Unc...	35.00
1936	Br. Unc.....	2.50
1936	D Mint, Br. Unc...	3.00
1936	S Mint, Br. Unc...	15.00
1937	Br. Unc.....	3.00
1937	D Mint, Br. Unc...	15.00
1937	S Mint, Br. Unc...	13.50
1938	Br. Unc.....	3.75
1938	D Mint, Br. Unc...	20.00
1939	Br. Unc.....	4.00
1939	D Mint, Br. Unc...	2.50
1939	S Mint, Br. Unc...	7.50
1940	Br. Unc.....	2.50
1940	S Mint, Br. Unc...	3.75
1941	Br. Unc.....	1.75
1941	D Mint, Br. Unc...	2.00
1941	S Mint, Br. Unc...	2.50
1942	Br. Unc.....	1.25
1942	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.50
1942	S Mint, Br. Unc...	2.50
1943	Br. Unc.....	1.25
1943	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.50
1943	S Mint, Br. Unc...	3.00
1944	Br. Unc.....	1.25
1944	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.25
1944	S Mint, Br. Unc...	1.50
1945	Br. Unc.....	1.25

1945	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.25
1945	S Mint, Br. Unc...	1.50
1946	Br. Unc.....	1.00
1946	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.00
1946	S Mint, Br. Unc...	1.50
1947	Br. Unc.....	1.35
1947	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.50

FRANKLIN HALF DOLLARS

1948	Br. Unc.....	3.50
1948	D Mint, Br. Unc...	2.75
1949	Br. Unc.....	6.00
1949	D Mint, Br. Unc...	2.50
1949	S Mint, Br. Unc...	2.75
1950	Br. Unc.....	2.50
1950	D Mint, Br. Unc...	2.75
1951	Br. Unc.....	1.75
1951	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.75
1951	S Mint, Br. Unc...	2.50
1952	Br. Unc.....	1.25
1952	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.25
1952	S Mint, Br. Unc...	1.50
1953	Br. Unc.....	1.75
1953	D Mint, Br. Unc...	1.00
1953	S Mint, Br. Unc...	1.25
1954	P D or S, Br. Unc.	1.00
1955	P, Br. Unc.....	3.00

W H E W !

The longest name ever given to a coin was a silver coin issued in Brunswick and dated 1538, 1545, and 1546.

On the obverse was the symbolic lion of Brunswick, and on the reverse was a figure of Christ rising from the grave of death. The coin's name - Schmalkaldischer Bundesthaler.

But you didn't have to sling that around all day. It had a shorter nickname - Auferstehungsthaler!

- Richard Johnson

SHIELD TYPE 5c NICKELS

1866 Br. Unc.....	\$15.00
1866 V. Gd. 2.00; Fine..	4.00
1867 Rays, Unc.....	37.50
1867 Rays V.Gd.5.00;Fine	12.50
1867 Br. Proof.....	17.50
1867 Br. Unc.....	6.75
1867 Ext. Fine.....	3.50
1867 Fine 1.75; V.Fine ..	2.50
1868 Br. Proof.....	17.50
1868 Br. Unc.....	7.50
1868 Fine 2.00; V.Fine ..	3.00
1869 Br. Proof.....	22.50
1869 Br. Unc.....	10.00
1869 Fine 2.50; V. Fine	4.00
1870 Br. Proof.....	22.50
1870 Br. Unc.....	12.50
1870 Fine 4.00; V. Fine	6.00
1871 Br. Proof.....	100.00
1871 Br. Unc.....	75.00
1871 V. Gd. 15.00; Fine	25.00
1872 Br. Proof.....	17.50
1872 Br. Unc.....	12.50
1872 Fine 4.00; V. Fine	6.00
1873 Br. Proof.....	17.50
1873 Br. Unc.....	12.50
1873 Fine 4.00; V. Fine	6.00
1874 Br. Proof.....	30.00
1874 Br. Unc.....	17.50
1874 V. Gd. 4.00; Fine..	6.00
1875 Br. Proof.....	50.00
1875 Br. Unc.....	37.50
1875 Fine 10.00; V. Fine	15.00
1876 Br. Proof.....	20.00
1876 Br. Unc.....	15.00
1876 Fine 5.00; V. Fine.	7.50
1877 Br. Proof.....	175.00
1878 Br. Proof.....	60.00
1879 Br. Proof.....	20.00
1880 Br. Proof.....	27.50
1881 Br. Proof.....	20.00
1882 Br. Proof.....	8.50
1882 Br. Unc.....	6.00
1882 Fine 2.00, V. Fine.	3.00
1883 Br. Proof.....	7.50
1883 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1883 Fine 1.75; V. Fine.	2.50

LIBERTY HEAD NICKELS

1883 No Cents, Br. Proof	\$5.00
1883 NC, V.F. 50¢ Unc...	1.25
1883 Cents Br. Proof.....	12.50
1883 Cents Br. Unc.....	8.50
1883 Cents Ext. Fine....	5.00
1883 V.Gd. 1.50; Fine...	3.00
1884 Br. Proof.....	17.50
1884 V.Gd. 2.00; Fine...	4.50
1885 Br. Proof.....	60.00
1885 Gd. 15.00; Fine....	27.50
1886 Br. Proof.....	35.00
1886 V.Gd. 10.00; Fine..	15.00
1887 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1887 Br. Unc.....	7.50
1887 V. Gd. 1.00; Fine..	2.50
1888 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1888 Br. Unc.....	10.00
1888 V. Gd. 2.00; Fine..	5.00
1889 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1889 Br. Unc.....	7.50
1889 V. Gd. 1.00; Fine..	2.50

LIBERTY HEAD NICKELS

1890 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1890 Br. Unc.....	8.00
1890 V.Gd. 1.25; Fine...	3.00
1891 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1891 Br. Unc.....	8.00
1891 V.Gd. 1.00; Fine...	2.50
1892 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1892 Br. Unc.....	8.00
1892 V. Gd. 1.00; Fine..	3.00
1893 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1893 Br. Unc.....	8.00
1893 V.Gd. 75¢; Fine....	2.00
1894 Br. Proof.....	11.00
1894 Br. Unc.....	10.00
1894 V.Gd. 2.00; Fine...	3.50
1895 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1895 Br. Unc.....	8.50
1895 V.Gd. 75¢; Fine....	2.00
1896 Br. Proof.....	25.00
1896 Br. Unc.....	17.50
1896 V.Gd. 75¢; Fine....	3.50
1897 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1897 Br. Unc.....	7.50
1897 V.Gd. 50¢; Fine....	2.00
1898 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1898 Br. Unc.....	7.50
1898 V.Gd. 50¢; Fine....	2.00
1899 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1899 Br. Unc.....	8.00
1899 Fine 1.50; V.Fine..	2.50
1900 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1900 Br. Unc.....	8.00
1900 Fine 1.25; V. Fine.	1.75
1901 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1901 Br. Unc.....	7.50
1901 Fine 1.25; V. Fine.	1.75
1902 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1902 Br. Unc.....	6.00
1902 Fine 1.00; V. Fine.	1.50
1903 Br. Proof.....	9.00
1903 Br. Unc.....	6.00
1903 Fine 1.00; V. Fine.	1.50
1904 Br. Proof.....	9.00
1904 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1904 Fine 1.00; v. Fine.	1.50
1905 Br. Proof.....	9.00
1905 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1905 Fine 75¢; V. Fine..	1.25
1906 Br. Proof.....	9.00
1906 Br. Unc.....	6.00
1906 Fine 75¢; V. Fine..	1.25
1907 Br. Proof.....	10.00
1907 Br. Unc.....	6.00
1907 Fine 75¢; V. Fine..	1.25
1908 Br. Proof.....	9.00
1908 Br. Unc.....	5.50
1908 Fine 75¢; V. Fine..	1.25
1909 Br. Proof.....	8.00
1909 Br. Unc.....	\$8.00
1909-10-11-12 Fine each.	.75
Same V. Fine, each.....	1.25
1910 Br. Proof.....	8.50
1910 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1911 Br. Proof.....	12.50
1911 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1911 Abt. Unc.....	2.50
1912 Br. Proof.....	17.50
1912 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1912 Abt. Unc.....	2.50
1912 D Mint Br. Unc.....	47.50
1912 S Mint Br. Unc.....	60.00

ANTONIO JOSE FRANCISCO
DE SUCRE

Antonio Jose Francisco de Sucre was born on Feb. 3, 1795 at Cumana, Venezuela.

His father, Vicente Sucre, was from a famous family; his mother was Maria Manuela de Alcala.

He received little formal education but at an early age took up arms against the Spaniards and by the age of twenty-three, was a general.

He was under medium height, of vivacious countenance, pleasing manners, and possessed a gentlemanly demeanor. He was close to Simon de Bolivar and a friend of Jose de San Martin.

He made an offer of his troops to the Peruvians in 1823, which was accepted, and under the leadership of Bolivar, led them against the Spanish troops. Royalist General Caceras was defeated on the plains of Junin, Peru, on Aug. 6, 1824. On Dec. 9, 1824, the two armies again met - Sucre's 6,000 men against La Serna's 9,000 in the Valley of Ayacucho. Sucre's victory was the final blow to Spanish prestige and power.

Sucre was president of Bolivia from Oct. 1826 to Aug. 1828. He was married to his wife by proxy, went to join her in Quito. In 1829 he led a successful army against a Peruvian invasion.

In 1830, he went to Colombia in an effort to prevent Venezuela's secession from Colombia. On his return trip to Quito, between Salto de Mayo and Popayan, on June 4, 1830, two companions were ahead of him and one behind, all on horseback. Suddenly, assassins came out of the woods, shot him four times in the head and chest, and escaped. Sucre died instantly on Mount Berruecos. The result of this tragedy was a violent war between Nueva Granada (Colombia) and Ecuador.

Thus, at the age of thirty-five, died a possible successor to Bolivar, and one of South America's favorite heroes.

The people of Ecuador named their chief denomination of money after Sucre. His portrait has appeared upon their coinage for many years.

* Courtney L. Coffing

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BUFFALO NICKELS

TYPE 1 RAISED GROUND

1913 Br. Unc.....	\$ 1.25
1913 Fine 35¢; V. Fine..	.50
1913 D Mint Br. Unc.....	6.00
1913 D V. Fine.....	2.50
1913 D V.Gd. 75¢; Fine..	1.50
1913 S Mint Br. Unc.....	12.50
1913 S V.Gd. 2.00; Fine.	3.75

TYPE 2

1913 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1913 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1913 D Mint, Br. Unc..	22.50
1913 D Mint, V.Gd.	7.50
1913 D Mint, Fine.....	12.50
1913 S Mint, Br. Unc..	50.00
1913 S Mint, V.Gd.....	10.00
1913 S Mint, Fine.....	18.00
1914 Br. Unc.....	4.50
1914 Fine 75¢; V.Fine..	1.25
1914 D Mint, Br. Unc..	27.50
1914 D Mint, V. Gd.	4.50
1914 D Mint, Fine.....	9.00
1914 S Mint, Br. Unc..	22.50
1914 S V.Gd. 1.25; Fine	3.00
1915 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1915 Abt. Unc.....	2.50
1915 Fine 60¢; V. Fine	1.00
1915 D Mint, Br. Unc..	22.50
1915 D V.Gd. 1.25; Fine	3.50
1915 S Mint, Br. Unc..	25.00
1915 S V.Gd. 2.00; Fine	5.00
1916 Br. Unc.....	4.00
1916 Abt. Unc.....	2.00
1916 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1916 D Mint, Br. Unc..	20.00
1916 D V.Gd. 50¢ Ext. Fine	10.00
1916 S Mint, Br. Unc..	22.50
1916 S V. Gd. 75¢; Fine	2.50
1917 Br. Unc.....	4.50
1917 Abt. Unc.....	2.50
1917 D Mint, Br. Unc..	32.50
1917 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1917 D V.Gd. 75¢; Fine.	3.00
1917 S V.Gd. 1.50 Fine	4.00
1918 Br. Unc.....	10.00
1918 Fine 75¢; V. Fine	1.25
1918 D Mint, Br. Unc..	50.00
1918 D V.Gd. 75¢; Fine.	3.75
1918 S Mint, Br. Unc..	57.50
1918 S V.Gd. 75¢; Fine.	4.00
1919 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1919 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1919 D V.Gd. 1.00; Fine	4.50
1919 S V.Gd. 1.00; Fine	5.00
1920 Br. Unc.....	6.00
1920 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1920 D V.Gd. 50¢; Fine.	3.00
1920 S Mint, Abt. Unc.	25.00
1920 S V.Gd. 75¢; Fine.	3.00
1921 Br. Unc.....	10.00
1921 Fine 75¢; V. Fine	1.00
1923 Br. Unc.....	5.00
1923 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1923 S V.Gd. 75¢; Fine.	2.50
1924 Br. Unc.....	5.50
1924 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1924 D Mint, Br. Unc..	50.00
1924 D V.Gd. 75¢; Fine.	2.50
1924 S V.Gd. 1.50; Fine	7.50

1925 Br. Unc.....	5.50
1925 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1925 D Mint, Br. Unc..	25.00
1925 D V.Gd. 1.25; Fine	15.00
1925 S V.Gd. 1.00; Fine	3.75
1926 Br. Unc.....	3.50
1926 S V.Gd. 1.25; Fine	7.50
1927 Br. Unc.....	3.50
1927 Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1927 D Mint, Br. Unc..	10.00
1927 D V.Gd. 50¢; Fine.	1.25
1927 S Very Fine.....	7.50
1927 S V.Gd. 1.00; Fine	3.75
1928 Br. Unc.....	3.00
1928 D Mint, Br. Unc..	3.00
1928 S Mint, Br. Unc..	17.50
1928 S Fine 50¢; V. Fine	1.00
1929 Br. Unc.....	1.50
1929 D Mint, Br. Unc..	3.00
1929 S Mint, Br. Unc..	3.00
1930 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1930 S Mint, Br. Unc..	8.50
1930 S Fine 50¢; V. Fine	.75
1931 S Mint, Br. Unc..	5.00
1931 S Fine 60¢; V. Fine	.75
1934 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1934 D Mint, Br. Unc..	3.50
1935 Br. Unc.....	.60
1935 D Mint, Br. Unc..	1.00
1935 S Mint, Br. Unc..	1.75
1936 Br. Unc.....	.50
1936 D Mint, Br. Unc..	.75
1936 S Mint, Br. Unc..	.75
1937 Br. Unc.....	.35
1937 D Mint, Br. Unc..	.40
1937 S Mint, Br. Unc..	.75
1938 D Mint, Br. Unc..	.35

JEFFERSON NICKELS

1938 Br. Proof.....	6.75
1938 Br. Unc.....	.45
1938 D Mint, Br. Unc..	.75
1938 S Mint, Br. Unc..	.90
1939 Br. Proof.....	6.50
1939 Br. Unc.....	.90
1939 D Mint, Br. Unc..	5.50
1939 S Mint, Br. Unc..	4.50
1940 Br. Proof.....	6.00
1940-41 Br. Unc. ea...	.35
1940 D Mint, Br. Unc..	.60
1940 S Mint, Br. Unc..	.75
1941-42 Br. Proofs, ea	4.50
1941 D Mint, Br. Unc..	.40
1941 S Mint, Br. Unc..	.60
1942 D Mint, Br. Unc..	2.25

"IN GOD WE TRUST"

The Rev. Mr. Watkinson was troubled. In his small parish at Ridleyville, Pennsylvania, he brooded over the low ebb of Union fortunes after Fort Sumter and Bull Run. He deplored the godlessness of a nation seven months in civil war.

One cheerless November day in 1861 he sat down at the antique desk in his rectory and wrote a letter of singular eloquence to the Secretary of the Treasury:

"IN GOD WE TRUST" (Continued)

"One fact touching our currency has hitherto been seriously overlooked," he wrote. "I mean the recognition of the Almighty God in some form in our coins. What if our Republic were now shattered beyond reconstruction? Would not the antiquaries of succeeding centuries rightly reason from our past that we were a heathen nation?"

Proposing a motto on the theme of "God, Liberty, Law," he concluded, "This would relieve us from the ignominy of heathenism. This would place us openly under the Divine protection we have personally claimed. From my heart I have felt our national shame in disowning God as not the least of our present national disasters."

The Secretary of the Treasury was Salmon P. Chase, one of Lincoln's ablest cabinet members. Later he was to become Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and it was in his honor that the Chase National Bank was named.

The Secretary, deep in problems of war financing, read this letter from the Rev. M. R. Watkinson and promptly recognized the merit of his plea. Within a week he had dispatched a note to the Director of the Mint in Philadelphia, James Pollock.

"No nation can be strong except in the strength of God," the note read, echoing the sentiments of the clergyman, "or safe except in His defense. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins."

"You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest and tersest words possible this national recognition."

The Director of the Mint acted quickly on the Secretary's order. Before the year was out a bronze pattern for a \$10 gold piece with the motto "God, our Trust" had been submitted.

Shortly thereafter, "Our Country; our God" was suggested. But it was not until 1864 that "In God We Trust" first appeared on a United States coin - a two-cent piece. Salmon P. Chase himself had proposed this inscription.

CANADIAN

GOLD COINS

1909 Sovereign, very rare, Abt. Unc.....	\$150.00
1911 Sovereign, Unc.....	60.00
1917 " Unc.....	75.00
1918 " Unc.....	75.00
1919 " Unc.....	90.00
1912 \$5.00, Unc.....	27.50
1913 " Abt. Unc.....	25.00
1914 " Abt. Unc.....	50.00

NEWFOUNDLAND

1882 \$2.00 Gold, Unc....	\$25.00
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CANADIAN CORONATION MEDAL

The official Coronation Medal with crowned bust of Elizabeth II/Crown over ER and inscription. Date in Roman numerals, 1 3/8 inches diameter.

Bronze Proof....\$1.00

FOREIGN GOLD

ROMANIA Carol I, 20 Lei	
1890. Uncirculated....	20.00
- - Same, V. Fine.....	15.00
- - 50 Lei 1906, CW-4. Bust in military uniform. (Cat.50.00)V.Fine plus..	35.00
- - 12½ Lei 1906, CW-6. Very Fine.....	8.50
RUSSIA Alex III, 5 Roubles	
1889. V. Fine plus.....	10.00
- Nicholas II, 7½ Roubles	
1897. Ext. Fine.....	17.50
SERBIA Milan as Prince, 20 Dinars 1879. Ext.Fine	18.50
- Milan as King. Unc...	20.00
SPAIN Alfonso XII, 20 Pesetas	
1899. Boy's head. Abt. Uncirculated.....	15.00
SWEDEN Oscar II, 20 Kroner	
1889. Uncirculated.....	20.00
- - 5 Kroner 1899.Unc..	6.00
- Gustaf V, 5 Kroner 1920. Abt. Uncirculated.....	6.00
SWITZERLAND 20 Francs 1930. Uncirculated.....	12.50
TUNIS 20 Francs 1904, CW-1. Uncirculated.....	17.50
- 100 Francs, new standard, 1930, CW-8. (Cat.60.00) Uncirculated.....	25.00
VATICAN CITY Pius XII, 100 Lire 1950, CW-48. Holy Year. Uncirculated.....	17.50
VENEZUELA 20 Bolivares 1905, CW-1. Abt. Unc.....	15.00
YUGOSLAVIA Alexander I, 20 Dinars 1925, CW-1. Uncirculated.....	30.00

CANADA

SILVER DOLLARS

1935 Choice Br. Unc.....	\$4.50
1936 Choice Br. Unc.....	6.00
1936 A.Unc. 3.00; V.Fine	2.00
1937 Br. Unc.....	7.50
1938 Br. Unc.....	15.00
1938 V. Fine.....	3.50
1939 Br. Unc.....	3.50
1945 Unc.....	8.50
1945 Choice Br. Unc.....	12.50
1945 Abt. Unc.....	6.00
1946 Choice Br. Unc.....	5.00
1946 Unc.....	3.50
1947 Choice Br. Unc.....	5.00
1947 Unc.....	3.50
1947 Maple leaf, Unc....	15.00
1948 Choice Br. Unc.....	17.50
1949 Choice Br. Unc.....	3.00
1949 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1950 Choice Br. Unc.....	4.00
1950 Br. Unc.....	3.00
1951 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1952 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1953 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1954 Br. Unc.....	2.50
1955 Br. Unc.....	2.50

ANGELS AND GUN MONEY

One must know something of the history of England to enjoy to the fullest the collecting of coins of the monarchs of Britain. However, it is a full subject, though interesting, and requires much research. This phase of numismatics would not be as neglected by Americans as much as it is if there were more general articles written on the subject.

From the 14th century on, the English coinage produced was as substantial as any throughout Europe. Skipping over Henry VIII, who was a crude counterfeiter at best, the domineering Elizabeth soon restored English money to its full silver content, and saw to it that more of the same was minted. To her goes the credit of producing the first coins with rounded edges, so that they could be stacked. Mary, who had preceded her, adorned the nation's currency with herself seated on the throne, holding sceptre and orb. Elizabeth, who had a reputation of wasting neither time or money when a short cut was offered, didn't bother with a new design, but merely replaced Mary's head with her own atop the same body. Further on in her reign Queen Bess showed her profile to her subjects.

ANGELS AND GUN MONEY (Continued)

James II came up with a novel form of currency when he was plotting in Ireland to retake the throne from his brother-in-law, William of Orange. His contribution to the numismatic side of miscellaneous curiosities was his "Gun Money," struck from melted brass of old cannon. These crown pieces show a mounted James, and the national arms of four crowned shields placed crossways with a crown in the center.

To James II is also credited the continuance of Maundy Money, and he was the last English king to complete the washing of the feet of the poor in accordance with these gifts of specie.

Many of the English rulers produced a gold piece called an Angel. It appeared in 1465 with Edward IV. These coins derived their name from the image of Michael and the Dragon. The angels were worn by those afflicted with scrofula, or king's evil, so dubbed because it was the wearer's strong believe that the English ruler was able to cure it by the laying on of hands.

Angelites of three shillings and four pence were later substituted in their place.

Shillings were first coined by Henry the Seventh in 1503, and were at that time called testoons, from the teste, or head of the king. The name "shilling" was tacked on later, coming from the German schelling which were produced at Hamburg in 1407.

Gold was coined in Britain by Henry the Third in 1257, and the first specie was called gold pennies. Larger than the silver ones, they were well struck for that period. The first proper series of gold coinage commences with Edward the Third. In 1344 this monarch first struck florins in imitations of those in Italy.

Probably England's most unhandsome king produced one of its finest and most beautiful of all coins in 1818. The reverse of this crown piece bears St. George and the Dragon that is classically perfect, while George III, the ugly duckling, graced the other side.

- Clarence Fink